

FEMA Awards Almost \$6.4 Million To Connecticut For COVID Test Kits

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending almost \$6.4 million to the State of Connecticut to reimburse the state for purchasing and distributing test kits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$6,374,700 FEMA Public Assistance grant to the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (DAS) will reimburse it for purchasing and distributing approximately 637,470 COVID-19 Antigen test kits between January and March 2022.

DAS and the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) set up five distribution centers around the state for municipalities, state employees, private non-profit providers, and residents of state-run or state-funded congregate housing, day programs, at-home services, nursing homes, early childhood providers, and vulnerable populations to pick up their assigned allotment of test kits.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the State of Connecticut with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation.”

FEMA’s Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$416 million in Public Assistance grants to Connecticut to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

